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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of :  
John S. Buchanan and Berne K. Stober :  
Application No. 09/107,787 : **DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION**  
Filed: June 30, 1998 :  
Attorney Docket No. 10000-1 :  
Title: VAPOR/LIQUID CONTACTING :  
CYCLONE WITH SECONDARY VANES :

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on March 26, 2002, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)<sup>1</sup>, to revive the above-identified application.

The renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. §1.113 in a timely manner to the Final Office action mailed June 7, 2000, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No response was received, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) were requested. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on September 8, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 27, 2000.

The original petition, filed on January 4, 2002, was dismissed by a decision mailed February 21, 2002, for failure to comply with the first requirement above. An amendment was received with the original petition, but the Examiner determined that it failed to place the application in condition for allowance.

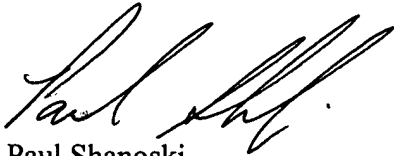
<sup>1</sup> A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

With the instant petition, petitioner has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114<sup>2</sup>, as well as the associated fee. The RCE has been accepted as the required reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)(1).

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 1700 for consideration of the submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, the amendment filed on January 4, 2002.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Paul Shanowski at (703) 305-0011.



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<sup>2</sup> The petitioner has also included a petition fee along with this renewed petition, which is not necessary. It will be refunded to petitioner's Deposit Account, as authorized in the petition.